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SUBJECT: SPEECH SECTION ON THE POOREST DRAFT NO. 10:

SUGGESTED MOYNIHAN REVISIONS

FOR LORD AND HORMATS FROM ENDERS (EB) AND LEWIS (S/P)

MOYNIHAN PROPOSES A REVISION OF THE FIRST FIVE PARAGRAPHS

OF THE SECTION ON THE POOREST NATIONS. BEGIN TEXT.

1. ANY STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT MUST DEVOTE SPECIAL

ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES.

2. THE FATE OF ONE BILLION PEOPLE - HALF THE DEVELOPING

WORLD AND A QUARTER OF MANKIND - WILL BE AFFECTED BY WHAT

WE DO OR FAIL TO DO.

3. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE

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POOREST COUNTRIES HAS DECLINED. THEIR EXPORTS, GENERALLY,

ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE LEAST DYNAMIC SECTORS OF WORLD
DEMAND. AND IT IS THEY WHO HAVE BEEN MOST CRUELLY
AFFECTED BY THE RISES IN THE COST OF OIL, FOOD AND OTHER
ESSENTIAL IMPORTS.

4. WHATEVER ECONOMIC ADVERSITY THE REST OF MANKIND EN-
DURES, IT IS THESE PEOPLES WHO ENDURE THE MOST. WHATEVER
PROBLEMS WE HAVE, THEIRS ARE MONUMENTAL. WHATEVER
ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FLOW FROM THE DECISIONS THAT WE ALL
MAKE, THE CONSEQUENCES ARE GREATEST FOR THEM.

5. THIS CHALLENGE TRANSCENDS IDEOLOGY AND BLOC POLITICS.
NO INTERNATIONAL ORDER CAN BE CONSIDERED JUST UNLESS ONE
OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IS COOPERATION TO RAISE THE
POOREST OF THE WORLD TO A DECENT STANDARD OF LIFE.

END TEXT.

PARAGRAPH 12 - HE WOULD TAKE OUT THE SENTENCE "BUT THEY
ARE ONLY PALLIATIVES."

EB AND S/P FEEL THAT THESE CHANGES ARE APPROPRIATE SINCE
THE PRESENT DRAFT IS A BIT OVERBLOWN. INGERSOLL

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